



## A MESSAGE FROM THE NAVY SURGEON GENERAL: NAVY NURSE CORPS 110TH ANNIVERSARY

On behalf of the Navy Medicine family, congratulations to the men and women of our Navy Nurse Corps on your 110th anniversary.



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On May 13, 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt signed the Naval Appropriations Bill that authorized the establishment of the Nurse Corps as a unique component of the Navy. Today, over 4,000 strong, Navy nurses deliver world-class care to our Sailors and Marines around the world. Working hand in hand with our hospital corpsmen, physicians, dentists, and administrators, Navy nurses ensure the health and readiness of our nation's warfighters.

Throughout its proud history, the Navy Nurse Corps has distinguished itself in transformational leadership, professional development, and operational readiness. Rear Admiral Alene Duerk, the 12th Director of the Navy Nurse Corps and first female Flag Officer in the United States Navy, recently celebrated her 98th birthday. Her exemplary leadership and dedicated service remains evident in the actions and commitment of Navy nurses today.

To those who have previously served and those currently serving in our Nurse Corps, thank you for your unbridled compassion and enduring commitment to the care of our warfighters and their families. You are

integral to the success of Navy Medicine and I am extremely honored and proud to serve with you. Happy 110th birthday, Shipmates!

— Vice Admiral C. Forrest Faison III, Navy surgeon general and chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

